THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE V.ESWARAIAH

W.P.NO.24403 OF 2005

Dt.16.11.2005

Between:

Kandula Hotel for Women (KSRM College of Engineering), Rajareddy Street, Kadapa. … Petitioner

And

Andhra Pradesh Southern Power Distribution Co.Ltd., rep. by its Superintending Engineer, Kadapa.

… Respondent

ORDER:

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner as well as the learned Standing Counsel for the respondent.

It is stated that the petitioner institution was started 25 years back and it is providing hostel facility to the students of private engineering, pharmacy and polytechnic colleges. The petitioner has constructed two hostels for girls in a phased manner and the respondent allotted Consumer Nos.0003000877, 15834, 15835, 15250, 15251, 61565, 61566, 61567 and 61568 and power supply was given for domestic purpose under Category-I. It is stated that the Electricity Regulatory Commission issued guidelines for treating all private educational institutions on par with the Government educational institutions and accordingly converted the same under Category VII from Category I. Thereafter, the respondent ignoring the mandatory instructions issued by the E.R.C started converting the category of services of private educational institutions from Category VII to Category II, which

is meant for commercial purpose. Therefore, the petitioner made a representation on 9.2.2002 before the Superintending Engineer (Operation), A.P.S.P.D.C.Ltd., Kadapa, to convert it from Category II to Category VII. But, the same has not been considered so far. It is submitted that the petitioner college is entitled to take power supply under Category VII on par with the Government educational institutions.

Having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case, I am not inclined to express any opinion as it is for the concerned authority to dispose of the said representation. Accordingly, the respondent is directed to consider and dispose of the representation made by the petitioner on 9.2.2002, if it has not been disposed of, within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order and communicate the same to the petitioner.

The writ petition is accordingly disposed of. No costs.

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(V.ESWARAIAH, J.)

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